

Ridgway on a Small Collection of Costa Rican Birds.<sup>1</sup>—The collection consists of 10 species of little-known birds, which are here further described from specimens submitted for examination by the authorities of the Costa Rica National Museum. Several of them are species recently characterized by Mr. Ridgway and Mr. Cherrie, and one is here described as new, namely "*Buthraupis ceruleigularis* Cherrie, sp. nov." The status of *Tachyphonus rubrifrons* Lawr. is considered, *Anrostomus rufomaculatus* Ridgw. is referred to *A. saturatus* Salvin, and considerable additional material relating to a number of other species is described, particularly *Platypharis aglaie* Ridgw. and *Scytalopus argentifrons* Ridgw.—J. A. A.

Ridgway on a Collection of Birds from Alaska.<sup>2</sup>—This is a briefly annotated list of 35 species, collected by Mr. C. H. Townsend at Kodiak, the Shumagins, and other points along the Alaskan coast, principally in August, 1888. The notes give simply the localities and dates of the specimens collected, with in addition a description of the first plumage of the Western Winter Wren (*Troglodytes hiemalis pacificus*).—J. A. A.

Ridgway on a New Storm Petrel.<sup>3</sup>—The Storm Petrel heretofore known as *Oceanodroma melania* (Bon.) is here renamed *Oceanodroma townsendi*, as "a series of nine finely prepared skins of this species, collected by Mr. C. H. Townsend off Guaymas and Acapulco, Mexico, proves," says Mr. Ridgway, "that this bird cannot be the *Thalassidroma melania* of Bonaparte, neither the dimensions nor the coloration agreeing at all closely with the latter." The habitat is given as "off coast of Mexico, north to Cape St. Lucas and Guaymas." The specimen (No. 13.025) selected as type was taken at Cape St. Lucas many years since by Mr. J. Xantus. The date of capture of none of the specimens is here given.—J. A. A.

Ridgway on the Genus *Formicarius*.<sup>4</sup>—This revision of the difficult and little-known genus *Formicarius* is based on a "series of nearly sixty specimens," which serves to make quite clear a number of doubtful

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<sup>1</sup> On a small Collection of Birds from Costa Rica. By Robert Ridgway. Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus., XVI, 1893, pp. 609-614.

<sup>2</sup> Catalogue of a Collection of Birds made in Alaska by Mr. C. H. Townsend during the Cruise of the U. S. Fish Commission Steamer *Albatross*, in the Summer and Autumn of 1888. By Robert Ridgway. Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus., XVI, 1893, pp. 663-665.

<sup>3</sup> Description of a New Storm Petrel from the Coast of Western Mexico. By Robert Ridgway. Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus., XVI, 1893, pp. 687, 688.

<sup>4</sup> A Revision of the genus *Formicarius* Boddaert. By Robert Ridgway. Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus. XVI, 1893, pp. 667-686.